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Commonwealth Situation Report #3

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1. Situation

A system of severe storms began moving through Southwest Virginia on May 24, 2004. Flash flooding occurred on May 24-25 in Tazewell and Russell counties. Tornadoes damaged homes in Lee County on May 28. Flash floods impacted Buchanan County and several other counties in Southwest Virginia over the June 12-15 period.

Governor Warner declared a State of Emergency for Tazewell and Russell Counties on May 25 and expanded the declaration to include Lee County on June 3.

On June 2, 2004, Governor Mark R. Warner requested that President Bush issue a major disaster declaration for Lee, Russell and Tazewell counties. He requested federal aid through the Individual Assistance and Hazard Mitigation Assistance programs. President Bush granted a Federal Disaster Declaration for Lee, Russell and Tazewell counties on June 15, 2004.

2. Weather for Russell County and Tazewell County

Today, chance of showers and chance of isolated thunderstorms late, cloudy, highs mid 70s, winds WSW at 10-15 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy 40 percent chance showers and thunderstorms, lows in the low 60s, west winds 10 mph. Tomorrow, Mostly cloudy 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, highs mid 70s light and variable winds becoming NW 10 mph in the afternoon.

3. Current State/Federal Priorities and Objectives

- ☐ Obtain signature approval of Federal/Commonwealth Agreement.
- ☐ Notify affected communities of the availability of federal disaster assistance.
- ☐ Address potential housing and rental resources issues.
- ☐ Complete Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- ☐ Manage public expectations through targeted media releases and appropriate contacts with public officials.
- ☐ Joint FCO/SCO determination of Incident Period closure date.

4. Recovery Activities

A. Human Services

i. Tele-registrations

- ☐ 439 registrations from declared and undeclared jurisdictions. **69 new registrations.**
- ☐ Individuals can register immediately for FEMA assistance by calling (800) 621-FEMA or TTY (800) 462-7585 for the hearing and speech impaired.

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ii. Small Business Administration

<i>Home App. Issued</i>	<i>104</i>
<i>Business App. Issued</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>EIDL</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Total App. Issued</i>	<i>123</i>
<i>Approved</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Pending</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Total \$ Approved</i>	<i>0</i>

iii. Disaster Recovery Center

- ☐ *A Disaster Recovery Center is located* in the Town of Richlands, Department of Police Building, 1851 Cranwell Dr., Richlands, VA 24641.

<i>DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS</i>	<i>OPEN</i>	<i>CLOSED</i>	<i>As of 6/21/04</i>	<i>CUMULATIVE</i>
<i>TAZEWELL (RICHLANDS)</i>	<i>6/21/2004</i>		<i>29</i>	<i>29</i>
<i>TOTAL</i>			<i>29</i>	<i>29</i>

iv. Individuals and Households Program (IHP)

(a) Housing Program

- ☐ *\$70,667.60 in housing assistance has been disbursed as of today.*
- ☐ Collect availability of rental resources and address potential housing issues through review of PDA results and requests for assistance.

(b) Other Needs Assistance (ONA)

- ☐ Processing of ONA claims expected to begin July 1.

<i>Referrals</i>	<i>136</i>
<i>Approved</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Ineligible</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>Withdrawn</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Pending</i>	
<i>ONA</i>	
<i>Categories</i>	<i>114</i>

v. Volunteer Organizations

- ☐ The local recovery task forces in Russell and Tazewell Counties are assisting as requested, and have representatives in the DRC to meet with individuals.

vi. Donations Management

- ☐ Tazewell and Russell Counties are coordinating distribution of donated goods.
- ☐ Clinch Valley Community Action (CVCA) is providing disaster relief to all local counties at 1161 Second St. in Richlands, Va. Applicants must be referred by FEMA, American Red Cross or VDEM to be eligible. This donation center may be able to help with cleaning supplies, furniture, clothing and personal care items. They may also be able to fill special needs as available.

vii. Disaster Unemployment Assistance

- ☐ Effective June 18, 2004, assistance is available for residents of the declared jurisdictions. Residents can call or visit the nearest Virginia Employment Office. *As of 6/21/04 no applications have been received for DUA.*

B. Mental Health

- ❑ The Cumberland Mountain Community Service Board will provide mental health assistance for residents of Tazewell and Russell Counties. A representative is in the DRC in Richlands.

C. Community Relations (CR)

- ❑ Completed Preliminary Damage Assessment of Buchanan County. Twenty homes/mobile homes, three bridges and two businesses impacted. The State Coordinator will request the FCO to add Buchanan County to the Presidential declaration.
- ❑ Four State/federal CR teams have been deployed in the three declared counties distributing flyers for Tele-Registration, the DRC location and the 1 800 FEMA contact information.
- ❑ Teams will be assessing unmet and special needs, and researching availability of rental residential units in their assigned jurisdictions.
- ❑ ***CR Field Officers will attend a three- day fair sponsored by a local radio station in Jonesville to distribute flyers and information to citizens.***
- ❑ ***FEMA and the Commonwealth CR officers have completed a CR Plan and forwarded it for FCO approval.***

D. Mitigation

- ❑ State rep ***plans to complete Mitigation Strategy with FEMA today.***
- ❑ ***Involve National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) as appropriate.***
- ❑ Provide mitigation counseling at DRC.
- ❑ ***Develop mitigation administrative plan***

E. Legislative Liaison

- ❑ Appropriate State Senators and Delegates have been notified of the Presidential declaration and the opening of the DRC.

F. Hazardous Materials

- ❑ No report at this time.

G. Public Affairs

- ❑ **TV news media had coverage of the DRC openings and interviewed officials at the DRC.**
- ❑ **News release issued to announce first housing checks.**

H. Disaster Recovery Task Forces

- ❑ The task forces for Russell and Tazewell Counties have representatives in the DRC in Richlands.
- ❑ State Coordinator for Local Recovery Task Forces is working in the DRC.

I. Miscellaneous Actions:

- ❑ Minor roadwork repairs continuing. Considerable work remains in the undeclared county of Buchanan. Repairs are needed for several washouts and streambeds and clearing of slides. St. Rt. 772 near Raven remains closed and the locality is considering permanently closing it and rerouting local traffic.
- ❑ VDH (Health) and DEQ (Environmental Quality) in Russell and Tazewell Counties continue to assist citizens with evaluating drinking water safety.
- ❑ Tetanus vaccinations remain available from the local health departments.

J. State Coordinating Officer

- ❑ Deputy SCO requested DFO prepare state situation reports (sit-reps) daily from June 21 through 25. Frequency of sit-reps after June 25 will be determined later this week.
- ❑ DFO is open June 21 and following days M-F (8AM-6PM), Saturdays (8AM-1PM). DFO will be closed Sundays.
- ❑ The Deputy SCO and the FCO held an informal meeting with county and town officials of the declared jurisdictions at the DRC at 1PM June 21.

Signed, Mary Camp, Dep. SCO, June 22, 2004

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Updated information is **bold** and *italicized*.